

### REMARKS

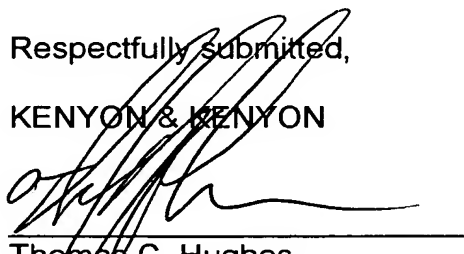
In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 12, 2004, the Examiner indicated that "claims 55-68, 70-82, 84-96, 98-109, 111-120, 122, 123, 125 and 126 should be [designated as] currently amended." Applicants have changed the status identifiers for all of the claims indicated by the Examiner, with the exception of claim 55, which is re-numbered but is not currently amended. It is respectfully submitted that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of these claims is therefore respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the below-named attorney for any issues in the present application.

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